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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

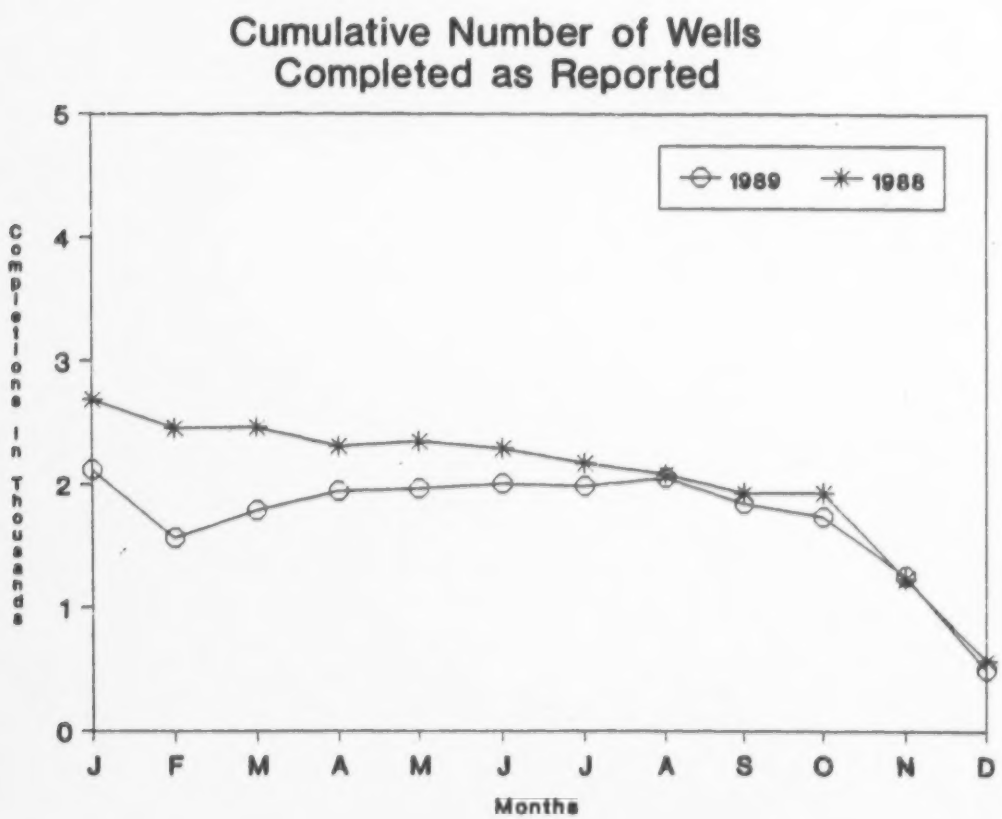

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER 29, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	7,734	32,799,037	6,156	32,897,365	6,885	35,865,123	20,775	101,561,525	21,235	103,214,180
1989: DEC	151	456,091	60	290,747	293	1,507,526	504	2,254,364	510	2,269,373
NOV	445	1,898,875	264	1,540,244	546	2,918,634	1,255	6,357,753	1,280	6,453,403
OCT	637	2,815,564	438	2,382,493	664	3,348,017	1,739	8,546,074	1,772	8,691,338
SEP	672	2,960,947	559	2,902,498	614	3,281,874	1,845	9,145,319	1,868	9,248,467
AUG	780	3,105,991	639	3,309,947	637	3,293,003	2,056	9,708,941	2,123	9,913,039
JUL	724	2,966,591	631	3,278,112	634	3,189,490	1,989	9,434,193	2,040	9,627,087
JUN	741	3,292,493	626	3,066,178	639	3,252,268	2,006	9,610,939	2,037	9,705,066
MAY	794	3,263,023	560	2,930,871	613	3,029,433	1,967	9,223,327	2,008	9,350,434
APR	809	3,238,715	540	2,999,576	596	3,217,472	1,945	9,455,763	1,986	9,598,484
MAR	646	2,818,369	576	3,213,905	565	2,946,954	1,787	8,979,228	1,842	9,197,340
FEB	548	2,394,462	569	3,276,540	446	2,487,372	1,563	8,158,374	1,591	8,289,845
JAN	787	3,587,916	694	3,706,254	638	3,393,080	2,119	10,687,250	2,178	10,870,304
TOTAL 1988	12,772	55,602,959	7,949	42,453,979	9,723	51,308,745	30,444	149,365,683	31,363	152,233,942
1988: DEC	774	3,473,986	766	4,013,677	732	4,066,202	2,272	11,553,865	2,334	11,793,338
NOV	773	3,395,998	717	3,825,077	695	3,802,945	2,185	11,024,020	2,237	11,148,160
OCT	947	4,243,216	789	3,925,794	910	4,650,170	2,646	12,819,180	2,720	13,008,976
SEP	926	4,300,710	766	3,860,365	797	4,174,365	2,489	12,335,440	2,556	12,583,137
AUG	1,002	3,879,699	675	3,333,455	860	4,560,793	2,537	11,773,947	2,605	12,007,069
JUL	1,033	4,449,451	622	3,284,836	833	4,450,476	2,488	12,184,763	2,548	12,362,021
JUN	1,151	4,779,417	621	3,316,070	849	4,229,593	2,621	12,325,080	2,693	12,587,791
MAY	1,181	4,923,260	559	2,995,425	849	4,254,014	2,589	12,172,699	2,689	12,486,590
APR	1,187	5,248,498	528	3,078,080	784	4,224,598	2,499	12,551,176	2,584	12,840,796
MAR	1,249	5,464,758	618	3,594,916	778	4,148,328	2,645	13,208,002	2,755	13,511,343
FEB	1,226	5,383,918	633	3,564,462	749	4,141,062	2,608	13,089,442	2,715	13,371,887
JAN	1,323	6,060,048	655	3,661,822	887	4,606,199	2,865	14,328,069	2,927	14,532,834
TOTAL 1987	15,881	64,674,227	7,697	40,867,203	11,083	53,950,797	34,661	159,492,227	35,538	162,159,806
1987: DEC	1,373	6,011,960	692	3,792,960	1,074	5,619,622	3,139	15,424,542	3,222	15,682,050
NOV	1,529	6,176,711	679	3,582,821	963	4,890,814	3,171	14,650,346	3,257	14,868,157
OCT	1,574	6,310,442	839	4,458,777	1,165	5,344,170	3,578	16,113,389	3,693	16,512,305
SEP	1,464	6,055,766	694	3,406,718	1,056	5,090,203	3,214	14,552,687	3,277	14,753,991
AUG	1,519	5,776,563	704	3,450,857	1,016	4,955,878	3,239	14,183,298	3,318	14,445,522
JUL	1,373	5,213,430	602	3,402,879	960	4,415,961	2,935	13,032,270	3,039	13,298,426
JUN	1,221	4,815,578	533	2,921,725	846	4,113,521	2,600	11,850,824	2,667	12,029,500
MAY	1,241	5,076,724	503	2,747,070	812	4,060,196	2,556	11,883,990	2,646	12,214,049
APR	1,088	4,706,087	520	2,885,154	824	3,737,908	2,432	11,329,149	2,472	11,449,285
MAR	1,073	4,591,348	624	3,296,258	760	3,729,766	2,457	11,617,372	2,496	11,737,292
FEB	1,147	4,727,115	619	3,263,829	715	3,405,989	2,481	11,396,933	2,530	11,573,000
JAN	1,279	5,212,503	688	3,658,155	892	4,586,769	2,859	13,457,427	2,921	13,596,229
TOTAL 1986	18,557	74,450,500	8,094	43,112,042	12,393	59,876,489	39,044	177,439,031	39,880	180,067,229
TOTAL 1985	36,598	143,332,997	12,947	70,980,583	21,530	103,764,754	71,075	318,078,334	73,046	323,881,319

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF DECEMBER 29, 1989[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	468	2,788,692	488	3,205,003	3,403	18,819,834	4,359	24,813,529
1989: DEC	9	43,429	5	30,444	160	818,721	174	892,594
NOV	19	132,578	21	95,136	297	1,687,830	337	1,915,544
OCT	24	147,467	24	146,053	334	1,807,132	382	2,100,652
SEP	58	344,896	39	199,554	308	1,728,274	405	2,272,724
AUG	49	241,521	47	353,826	289	1,654,575	385	2,249,922
JUL	41	253,056	48	334,866	293	1,718,651	382	2,306,573
JUN	40	227,076	51	336,165	305	1,610,740	396	2,173,981
MAY	36	247,221	48	320,518	306	1,582,886	390	2,150,625
APR	59	339,871	45	269,224	272	1,527,186	376	2,136,281
MAR	47	316,871	48	322,644	281	1,523,538	376	2,163,053
FEB	40	232,961	49	365,457	238	1,390,737	327	1,989,155
JAN	46	261,745	63	431,116	320	1,769,564	429	2,462,425
TOTAL 1988	806	4,888,204	679	4,566,334	4,648	26,690,848	6,133	36,145,386
1988: DEC	57	348,184	62	366,608	391	2,353,763	510	3,068,555
NOV	58	330,943	62	402,746	367	2,139,340	487	2,873,029
OCT	66	422,412	78	488,072	461	2,520,169	605	3,430,653
SEP	72	448,663	48	318,291	366	2,149,342	486	2,916,296
AUG	55	292,471	46	257,380	414	2,335,308	515	2,885,159
JUL	69	397,005	58	382,799	405	2,264,328	532	3,044,132
JUN	70	426,185	62	431,865	389	2,180,586	521	3,038,636
MAY	54	343,346	60	465,277	386	2,078,293	500	2,886,916
APR	84	559,551	60	402,468	357	1,973,421	501	2,935,440
MAR	65	387,156	44	318,839	369	2,179,127	478	2,885,122
FEB	74	487,356	51	395,742	355	2,160,801	480	3,043,899
JAN	82	444,932	48	336,247	388	2,356,370	518	3,137,549
TOTAL 1987	892	5,277,868	691	4,561,741	5,122	27,128,166	6,705	36,967,775
1987: DEC	72	410,553	55	347,208	512	2,905,296	639	3,663,057
NOV	90	544,965	58	319,667	473	2,622,456	621	3,487,088
OCT	77	412,534	74	475,749	533	2,694,802	684	3,583,085
SEP	87	536,378	55	334,795	495	2,558,757	637	3,429,930
AUG	75	427,994	72	442,451	448	2,366,735	595	3,237,180
JUL	85	455,687	52	351,788	408	2,109,667	545	2,917,142
JUN	70	428,543	50	417,269	373	1,984,162	493	2,829,974
MAY	69	391,934	52	373,151	375	2,001,001	496	2,766,086
APR	62	388,263	49	286,258	360	1,777,934	471	2,452,455
MAR	59	418,286	54	356,474	372	1,880,656	485	2,655,416
FEB	59	365,135	55	389,927	333	1,669,489	447	2,424,551
JAN	87	497,596	65	467,004	440	2,557,211	592	3,521,811
TOTAL 1986	994	5,969,425	752	5,108,416	5,442	29,873,873	7,188	40,951,714
TOTAL 1985	1,726	10,088,253	1,294	8,700,807	9,239	49,664,873	12,259	68,453,933

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING DECEMBER 1989

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1989	871	3,580,356	863	4,575,548	741	3,956,319	2,475	12,112,223	2,517	12,277,961
1989: DEC	151	456,091	60	290,747	293	1,507,526	504	2,254,364	510	2,269,373
NOV	338	1,551,304	234	1,419,195	273	1,497,926	845	4,468,425	859	4,536,129
OCT	153	723,080	229	1,280,582	78	443,813	460	2,447,475	469	2,501,557
SEP	73	362,729	126	610,558	37	185,976	236	1,159,263	237	1,162,563
AUG	45	168,189	77	378,881	27	146,637	149	693,707	158	709,915
JUL	19	54,770	38	160,187	5	23,198	62	238,155	64	245,890
JUN	24	72,625	26	111,414	6	40,001	56	224,040	57	225,740
MAY	14	24,588	22	98,598	10	43,220	46	166,406	46	166,406
APR	23	54,791	10	59,911	5	19,146	38	133,848	38	133,848
MAR	17	53,835	15	58,656	2	5,253	34	117,744	34	117,744
FEB	7	33,447	17	74,018	2	16,150	26	123,615	26	123,615
JAN	7	24,907	9	32,801	3	27,473	19	85,181	19	85,181
TOTAL 1988	45	109,330	49	320,880	33	78,756	127	508,966	132	519,655
1988: DEC	4	9,427	9	63,841	2	8,300	15	81,568	15	81,568
NOV	5	17,412	10	70,439	2	3,392	17	91,243	17	91,243
OCT	7	23,853	7	38,061	2	7,971	16	69,885	16	69,885
SEP	5	14,092	5	29,085	4	3,531	14	46,708	15	47,998
AUG	2	1,262	3	6,468	4	21,368	9	29,098	9	29,098
JUL	1	1,322	3	19,530	1	1,250	5	22,102	5	22,102
JUN	2	7,897	2	6,998	4	14,987	8	29,882	8	29,882
MAY	7	10,585	0	0	2	7,707	9	18,292	10	20,078
APR	1	651	3	33,777	8	7,312	12	41,740	13	42,852
MAR	2	1,495	2	8,372	2	1,010	6	10,877	7	15,814
FEB	6	18,607	3	25,769	2	1,928	11	46,304	12	47,868
JAN	3	2,727	2	18,540	0	0	5	21,267	5	21,267
TOTAL 1987	34	93,009	24	196,548	42	62,584	100	352,141	102	362,903
1987: DEC	2	1,652	1	4,470	3	1,931	6	8,053	6	8,053
NOV	1	1,154	3	19,638	1	500	5	21,292	6	26,799
OCT	5	4,432	0	0	9	13,125	14	17,557	14	17,557
SEP	5	14,085	2	21,160	13	16,069	20	51,314	20	51,314
AUG	9	20,589	3	14,955	9	23,772	21	59,316	22	64,571
JUL	6	13,775	2	16,835	1	450	9	31,060	9	31,060
JUN	1	5,963	4	29,357	0	0	5	35,320	5	35,320
MAY	1	11,650	5	44,554	0	0	6	56,204	6	56,204
APR	1	3,600	1	8,868	0	0	2	12,468	2	12,468
MAR	1	1,557	2	20,106	3	3,442	6	25,105	6	25,105
FEB	2	14,552	0	0	1	100	3	14,652	3	14,652
JAN	0	0	1	16,605	2	3,195	3	19,800	3	19,800
TOTAL 1986	27	45,576	20	153,018	16	52,713	63	251,307	63	251,307
YRS PRIOR TO 1986	30	129,715	62	607,723	22	66,335	114	803,773	115	805,637
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,007	3,957,986	1,018	5,853,717	854	4,216,707	2,879	14,028,410	2,929	14,217,463

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of December 29, 1989. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period November 25, 1989 through December 29, 1989. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.